

## Message Text

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S E C R E T KHARTOUM 2268

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SU  
SUBJECT: NIMEIRI MEETS SADIQ AL MAHDI IN PORT SUDAN

REF: KHARTOUM 2129 AND PREVIOUS

1. NIMEIRI AND SADIQ AL-MAHDI MET IN PORT SUDAN AROUND JULY 6-8. PRESIDENT STOPPED BRIEFLY IN KHARTOUM AFTER RETURNING FROM OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE AND THEN FLEW TO PORT SUDAN, OSTENSIBLY FOR A REST, TO INSPECT NEW OIL PIPELINE OR BECAUSE OF LABOR TROUBLES, DEPENDING ON SOURCE. HE RETURNED TO CHAIR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING JULY 8.

2. ALTHOUGH WE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT ANTICIPATED NIMEIRI-SADIQ MEETING DID TAKE PLACE, MORE OR LESS ON SCHEDULE, IN PORT SUDAN, SO FAR THERE NO RPT NO INFO AVAILABLE ON HOW TALKS WENT OR WHAT SPECIFICALLY WAS DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND FACT MEETING OCCURRED AND PERHAPS MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON IN GOVERNMENT-

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CONTROLLED PRESS. THAT IS, SUDANGOV APPARENTLY INTENDS AT ONE POINT TO INFORM PUBLIC OF HITHERTO HIGHLY SECRET MOVES TO EFFECT RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN NIMEIRI AND SADIQ BY MEANS OF INSPIRED PRESS LEAK.

3. COMMENT: FACT THAT MEETING HAS TAKEN PLACE IS BY ITSELF SIGNIFICANT AS INDICATION APPARENT SINCERITY AND

SERIOUSNESS OF BOTH PARTIES. TO EXTENT INFORMED PUBLIC OR MILITARY OR OTHER OFFICIALS AWARE OF MEETING, THERE SEEMS TO BE GENERAL APPROVAL, ALTHOUGH NOT CLEAR HOW EASILY SADIQ AND ABUL GASSEM, SSU SECRETARY GENERAL, WILL BE ABLE ACCOMMODATE EACH OTHER. SOURCE OF MOST OF OUR INFO ON THIS SUBJECT THINKS MEETING WENT REASONABLY WELL OR AT LEAST THAT IT DID NOT RPT NOT GO BADLY, ALTHOUGH HE CONFESSES HE HAS LITTLE INFO ON MEETING. SO FOR NOW, AT LEAST, CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM CONTINUES THAT NIMEIRI MAY BE ON VERGE MAKING IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH IN NEUTRALIZING HIS MOST SERIOUS DOMESTIC OPPOSITION. BOGOSIAN

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